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1. FATHER HOANG QUYNH'S PRESS CONFERENCE, REFERRED TO IN REFTEL, STARTED AT 1600 AS SCHEDULED. CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 175 PERSONS, MOSTLY LOCAL PRESS. FIRST ITEM WAS READING OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWED BY CRITIQUE OF ELECTION LAW AND ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC CRISIS. FLOOR OPENED TO QUESTIONS AT 1700. IN REPLY TO FIRST QUESTION BY FOREIGN JOURNALIST, HOA HAO REPRESENTATIVE TRINH QUOC VHNAH SAID THAT FRONT HAD NOT YET PREPARED CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR VARIOUS PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC, RAISED AT CONFERENCES. HE SAID THAT "COMMITTEE OF SPECIALISTS" NOW STUDYING MATTER AND RESULTS OF ITS DELIBERATIONS WOULD BE MADE VNOWN AT FUTURE PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. HOANG QUYNH REPLIED TO REMAINDER OF QUESTIONS. IN HIS REPLIES HE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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A. HE WAS PLEASED THAT UBA AND OTHER RELIGIOUS/POLITICAL GROUPS PARTICIPATING IN FRONT. A NUMBER OF OTHER GROUPS ALSO CONSIDERING PARTICIPATION AS EVIDENCED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 20 GROUPS WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE TO SHOW THEIR SYMPATHY.

B. FRONT HAS ONE OR TWO PERSONS IN MIND AS POSSIBLE LEADERS OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. FRONT WISHES TO OPEN DIALOGUE WITH DIRECTORATE IN ORDER TO AGREE ON SUCH PERSON AND THEN PUT FORTH HIS NAME FOR POPULAR APPROVAL BY REFERENDUM.

C. QUYNH PARTICIPATING IN FRONT AS "CITIZEN" AND PRESENCE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS REPRESENTING CATHOLIC CHURCH.

D. BOMBINGS OF HANOI-HAIPHONG REGION AND NORTH VIET NAM IN GENERAL A GOOD THING BEING DONE ON BEHALF OF VIET NAM BY UNITED STATES. GENERAL KY EVEN PARTICIPATED IN FIRST RAID.

E. THERE ARE MANY FORMS OF PEACEFUL STRUGGLE. FRONT DOES NOT INTEND TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE. NOR IS COMMNIQUE AN ULTIMATUM TO GVN. "WE JUST WANT TO EXPRESS OUR OPINIONS".

3. VIEN HOA DAO REPRESENTATIVE VENERABLE PHAP TRI, ADJOURNED CONFERENCE AT 1730. LODGE
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